

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method that enables an initial contractor that receives a request to manufacture a sheet metal product, to virtually examine the manufacturing work for the sheet metal product using their own computer, the method comprising:

a computer of the initial contractor prompting a computer of an outsourcing service center to login to the computer of the initial contractor;

the computer of the outsourcing center logging in to the computer of the initial contractor; and

the computer of the outsourcing center thus logged in to the computer of the initial contractor, operating the computer of the initial contractor based on instructions related to a processing edition conference from the initial contractor.

2. (Previously Presented) The processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1,

wherein operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference includes creating a control program for an NC machine tool for producing the sheet metal product.

3. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1,

wherein operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference includes calculating an estimate of a cost to manufacture for the sheet metal product.

4. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the initial contractor.

5. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the outsourcing service center.

6. (Previously Presented) A processing program edition conferencing system that enables an initial contractor that receives a request to manufacture a sheet metal product, to virtually examine the manufacturing work for the sheet metal product using their computer, said system comprising:

a computer of the initial contractor configured to prompt a computer of an outsourcing center;

wherein the computer of the initial contractor prompts the computer of the outsourcing service center to login to said computer of the initial contractor, and the computer of the outsourcing center logs in to said computer of the initial contractor; and

wherein the computer of the outsourcing center, logged in to said computer of the initial contractor, operates said computer of the initial contractor based on instructions related to a processing edition conference from said initial contractor.

7. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 2,

wherein the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference includes calculating an estimate of a cost to manufacture ~~for~~ the sheet metal product.

8. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 2, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the initial contractor.

9. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 3, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the initial contractor.

10. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 7, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the initial contractor.

11. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 2, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the outsourcing service center.

12. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 3, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the outsourcing service center.

13. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 4, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the outsourcing service center.

14. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 7, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the outsourcing service center.

15. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 8, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the outsourcing service center.

16. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 9, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the outsourcing service center.

17. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 10, further comprising:

accumulating data obtained by operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference, in a memory of the computer of the outsourcing service center.